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Response Under 37 CFR 1.116  
EXPEDITED PROCEDURE  
EXAMINING GROUP 3731

Docket No. CRD-5056

**IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE**

Applicants : Craig Bonsignore Confirmation No.: 9527  
Appln. No. : 10/688,171  
Filed : October 17, 2003  
Title : Stent Design Having Independent Stent Segments Which  
Uncouple Upon Deployment  
Art Unit : 3731  
Examiner : Sonnett, Kathleen C.

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**AMENDMENT**

Dear Sir:

In response to the Final Office Action mailed August 1, 2006, please  
amend the above-identified application as follows:

Amendments to the Claims are reflected in the listing of claims, which begin  
on page two of this paper.

Remarks/Arguments begin on page 5 of this paper.

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